

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB1061**

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**Hearing Date:** January 31, 2008

**Committee On:** Natural Resources

**Introducer(s):** (Louden)

**Title:** Provide for fees, rebates, and grants relating to electronic equipment recycling

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

7 Yes                      Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Fischer,  
Hudkins, Kopplin, Wallman

0 No

0 Absent

1 Present, not voting      Senator Louden

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**Proponents:**

Jody Gittins

**Representing:**

Introducer

**Opponents:**

Dennis Brown

Phil Lieber

Carrie Hakenkamp

**Representing:**

Equipment Leasing and Finance Association

P & L Capital Corporation

WasteCap Nebraska

Jim Otto  
Ron Sedlacek  
Jeremy McNeal  
Steve Andrews

Nebraska Retail Federation  
Nebraska State Chamber  
CP Recovery  
Nebraska State Recycling Association

**Neutral:**  
None

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or change:**

LB 1061 does the following:

- Section 1
- \* Imposes a \$3.00 fee on every item of electronic equipment sold at retail.
  - \* The fee is collected by the retailer at the time of sale.
  - \* The retailer forwards \$2.50 to the Department of Revenue to be deposited in the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund.
  - \* The retailer is allowed to keep 50 cents to cover their cost of collecting and remitting the fee.

Defines computer, computer monitor, electronic equipment and television. Electronic equipment is defined as a computer, computer monitor, or television.

- Section 2
- (1) Allows an electronic equipment retailer who accepts electronic equipment for recycling to apply for a rebate of \$1.00 per item beginning in 2009 subject to conditions:
    - a. the rebate shall not be greater than the amount remitted the previous year;
    - b. the total amount of remitted fees must be certified by the retailer annually;
    - c. the total amount of electronic equipment accepted for recycling must be certified; and
    - d. the retailer must certify that the electronic equipment was recycled.
  - (2) Requires the retailer to submit a request for a rebate from the Department of Environmental Quality.
  - (3) Allows the department 45 days to verify the information on the rebate application and make a final determination of eligibility.

Section 3 Allows the department to adopt rules and regulations to carry out sections 1 and 2 of this act.

Section 4 (7) Requires the department to submit an annual report relating to the

funds collected under this act to the Governor and Legislature.

Section 5 (4) Sets aside one million dollars annually for electronic recycling activities if acceptable electronic recycling project applications are received.

Section 6 Repealer.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

None

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Senator LeRoy Loudon, Chairperson